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**ATTORNEY GENERAL DARRELL MCGRAW SUES MR. MEATS,
A BUSINESS THAT HAS BEEN SELLING FROZEN MEAT
AND SEAFOOD DOOR-TO-DOOR**

Attorney General Darrell McGraw announced today that his office has sued Mr. Meats and Bill Parsons, individually and doing business as Mr. Meats, in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County. Mr. Meats, located in Nitro, West Virginia, has been selling frozen meat and seafood door-to-door in neighborhoods throughout Kanawha County.

The lawsuit alleges that Mr. Meats sells poor quality meat, misrepresents the type of meat being sold, fails to give consumers their three-day right to cancel, fails to honor legitimate buyers' requests to cancel sales, does not have a food handling permit from the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, and charges unlawful bad check fees.

Since February 2004, the Attorney General has received six complaints against Mr. Meats. One elderly consumer complained that Mr. Meats told him that the check he used to pay for the meat had bounced. Mr. Meats demanded the consumer write them another check. The consumer wrote a second check, but he later learned from his bank that the original check had not in fact bounced. He attempted to obtain a refund from Mr. Meats, but his request was denied.

Attorney General McGraw stated, "The meat being sold by the defendants is inedible and frequently is not safe to consumers. Consumers should be very careful of businesses selling perishable food products door-to-door."

In addition to seeking refunds for consumers, Attorney General McGraw is also asking the Court for injunctive relief and civil penalties.

If you have any questions about this matter or want to report a problem with Mr. Meats, please call Attorney General McGraw's Consumer Hotline at 1-800-368-8808 or 304-558-8986.

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